

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 90 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern, Southwest and Eastern Areas. Three large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and Colorado.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Oltrogge, McCombs and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill Palestine, and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hildreth) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California and Nevada.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MITTRY FIRE, Yuma Field Office, BLM. This fire is in the Mittry Lake area northeast of Yuma, AZ, and is burning in cattails, willow trees, salt cedar and arrow weed. Erratic fire behavior was observed yesterday, with spotting up to a quarter mile and 30 foot flame lengths.

LIGHTHOUSE ROCK, Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. This fire is burning in cattails, arrow weed and salt cedar 20 miles south of Palo Verde, CA. Active fire behavior was observed yesterday. Line construction with dozers and mopup operations are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MITTRY FIRE	AZ	YUD	1200	95	3/14	62	2	11	0	0	NR
LIGHTHOUSE ROCK	AZ	IMR	200	NR	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WALKER FIRE, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is burning in hardwood leaf litter eleven miles east of Alton, MO. Dozers are being utilized on most of the fire, with hand line being used in the steeper areas. Continued mopup and mapping of the fire are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WALKER FIRE	MO	MTF	150	75	3/14	9	1	0	0	0	4K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PINE MT.	OK	OKS	600	100	---	9	0	4	0	0	NR
GREENLEAF FIRE	OK	NEU	200	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	NR
RUNNING	OK	OKS	180	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR

NEU = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

High pressure over Arizona and New Mexico today will weaken as a pacific frontal system prepares to move across the area this weekend. Today will be partly cloudy with highs from the 60s in the mountains to the 80s in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Southwest winds at 10 to 20 mph except light winds over southern Arizona are expected.

High pressure over Missouri will bring mostly sunny skies and highs from the mid 50s to mid 60s. Minimum relative humidity will range from 35 to 45 percent. Light winds are expected.

The Southern Area can expect low pressure development on the cold frontal boundary from Thursday along with upper air disturbances to continue to produce showers and thunderstorms over the southeast and Florida today. Activity will intensify during the afternoon and evening hours.

Shower activity is likely to persist over Texas and Louisiana today through Sunday as the front stalls over the area. Sunday and Monday a strong south-southwest flow will produce a dramatic rise in temperatures as a warm front moves to the north and a cold front develops in the plains.



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Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
 4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
 8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
 9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
 10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1	1			2	7
	ACRES	2	600	200			1	803
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	9						9
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						225	225
Southern Area	FIRES					74	3	77
	ACRES					617	19	636
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	1	0	74	9	90
	ACRES	11	600	200	0	617	245	1,673

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	45	6	54
	ACRES				2,165	10	2	2,177
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			151	35	191
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7	8	1		49	31	96
	ACRES	24	1,205	200		348	31	1,808
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3		1	2	3	13
	ACRES	9	0		200	20	15	244
Eastern Area	FIRES	4			2	154	38	198
	ACRES	12			1	2,028	554	2,595
Southern Area	FIRES	56		5	3	4,551	120	4,735
	ACRES	6,881		755	530	46,160	2,964	57,290
TOTAL	FIRES	73	17	6	9	4,954	233	5,292
	ACRES	6,926	1,206	955	2,896	48,615	3,578	64,176
Eight Year Average Fires								12,116
Eight Year Average Acres								253,063

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in March

and

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						19	19
	ACRES						532	532
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES			1			4	5
	ACRES			550			403	953
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						12	12
Eastern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						391	391
Southern Area	FIRES			3			79	82
	ACRES			62			4,611	4,673
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	4	0	0	107	111
	ACRES	0	0	612	0	0	5,949	6,561

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	58	2			38	101
	ACRES	4	3,356	725			1,241	5,326
Northern California	FIRES	1	7	3	6		36	53
	ACRES	31	101	5,147	495		2,936	8,710
Southern California	FIRES		1				54	55
	ACRES		5				5,433	5,438
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4		6
	ACRES		4			121		125
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2	1	1		147	154
	ACRES	460	197	550	1,000		4,691	6,898
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2	4	5	2	14	31
	ACRES	145	110	125	349	39	566	1,334
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	38	40
	ACRES					1,200	2,606	3,806
Southern Area	FIRES	23		134	12	5,563	610	6,342
	ACRES	4,762		44,898	20,492	333,788	476,678	880,618
TOTAL	FIRES	34	73	144	24	5,571	939	6,785
	ACRES	5,402	3,786	51,445	22,336	335,148	494,269	912,386

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California		8		7		4			24	354
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									10	83
Southwest		2	2	9					19	4
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1		6		1				93	
Southern Area	138	32	11	17	3				469	1672
Total	139	42	19	33	4	4	0	0	615	2113

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